

U.S. Application No.: NEW  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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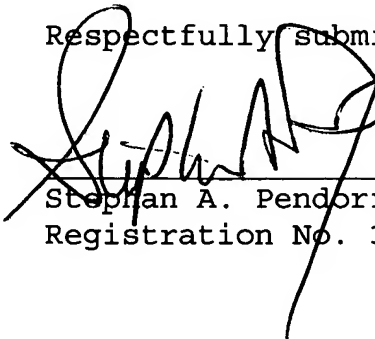
**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended in order to eliminate multiple dependent claims and claims improperly depending from multiple dependent claims, and to otherwise conform the claims to U.S. practice. Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter is added to the text.

Paragraph [0002], [00015], [00021] have been amended, respectively, to remove references to Claims 1 and 10 in the specification. Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter has been added.

Entry and favorable consideration prior to consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephan A. Pendorf', is written over a horizontal line.

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